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**Congressman Dent honors “Soldiers for Hope,”  
nonprofit group that sends care packages to soldiers  
serving overseas**

RED HILL — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) presented Congressional citations to two Montgomery County women for founding Soldiers for Hope, a volunteer service that sends “boxes of hope” filled with necessary day-to-day items as well as special holiday gifts our troops overseas.

Trish Pine and Janice Chrinko accepted the citations at the Veterans of Foreign War Lodge in Red Hill. Several veterans attended the event. The Congressman also presented Ms. Pine and Ms. Chrinko with three flags that had flown over the U.S. Capitol. Soldiers for Hope will send those flags to be flown at U.S. bases in Iraq.

“I know the soldiers appreciate these packages from home, and on behalf of Congress I thank Trish and Janice for their tremendous work,” Congressman Dent said.

In 2003 Trish Pine provided 350 soldiers with both necessary day-to-day items as well as special holiday gifts; in 2004 the number of soldiers jumped to 600. Last year the organization sent nearly 10,000 packages.

Soldiers for Hope’s motto is “No Soldier Be Left Behind.”  
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